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### SACRAMENTO UPDATE

#### Executive Summary

This memorandum contains a report on actions by the Governor on County-Advocacy Legislation and Legislation of County-Interest. The Governor has until Sunday, October 13, 2013 to act on all legislation passed by the Legislature.

- **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**

- **County-supported AB 50 (Pan)** - related to the expansion of Medi-Cal coverage for pregnancy-related and postpartum services, was vetoed by the Governor on October 9, 2013.
- **County-opposed AB 218** - related to the disclosure of criminal convictions on employment applications, was signed by the Governor on October 10, 2013.
- **County-supported AB 639 (Pérez)** - related to the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act, was signed by the Governor on October 10, 2013.

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- **County-supported AB 803 (Hueso)** - related to recycled water, was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2013.
  - **County-supported SB 239 (Hernandez and Steinberg)** - related to the hospital quality assurance fee and hospital-based Distinct Part/Skilled Nursing Facilities, was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2013.
  - **County-supported SB 402 (De León)** - related to breastfeeding, was signed by the Governor on October 9, 2013.
  - **Status of Legislation of County Interest**
    - **AB 240 (Rendon)** - related to the mutual water companies that serve the City of Maywood, was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2013.
    - **AB 720 (Skinner)** - related to enrollment in health insurance for county jail inmates, was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2013.
    - **AB 1235 (Gordon)** - related to financial management training for local government officials, was vetoed by the Governor on October 7, 2013.
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### **County-Advocacy Legislation**

**County-supported AB 50 (Pan)**, which would expand Medi-Cal coverage for pregnancy-related and postpartum services for women with incomes up to 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, and make technical and conforming changes to the recently enacted Medi-Cal expansion legislation, **County-supported ABX1 1** (Chapter 3, Statutes of 2013) and **County-supported SBX1 1** (Chapter 4, Statutes of 2013), among other provisions, was vetoed by the Governor on October 9, 2013.

In his veto message, the Governor indicated that further discussion should take place on the entire category of pregnancy-only coverage, and that he is directing the California Department of Health Care Services to work on a more complete proposal for the January FY 2014-15 State Budget.

**County-opposed AB 218 (Dickinson)**, which as amended on May 24, 2013, would prohibit a State or local agency from inquiring about criminal history on any initial employment application, except where otherwise required by law, was signed by the Governor and becomes effective January 1, 2014.

**County-supported AB 639 (Pérez)**, which would enact the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act to repurpose \$600.0 million of the Veterans' Bond Act of 2008 for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of multi-family and supportive housing for veterans, was signed by the Governor on October 10, 2013. The measure will be submitted for the June 3, 2014 Primary Election for voter approval.

**County-supported AB 803 (Hueso)**, which would: 1) authorize the State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards to permit recycled water projects at the point where highly treated water enters a conveyance facility; 2) authorize the use of recycled water in cemeteries; and 3) define raw water to mean surface water or groundwater in its naturally occurring state prior to treatment, was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2013. This measure is Chapter 635, Statutes of 2013 and becomes effective January 1, 2014.

**County-supported SB 239 (Hernandez and Steinberg)**, which would extend the Medi-Cal hospital quality assurance fee from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016, and roll-back the proposed Medi-Cal rate reduction for hospital-based skilled nursing facilities, known as Distinct Part/Skilled Nursing Facilities (DP/SNFs), for services provided on or after October 1, 2013, was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2013, and it is Chapter 657, Statutes of 2013. SB 239 is an urgency measure and becomes effective immediately.

**County-supported SB 402 (De León)**, which would require general acute care and special hospitals that have a perinatal unit to adopt the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding by January 1, 2025, was signed by the Governor on October 9, 2013, and it is Chapter 666, Statutes of 2013.

#### **Legislation of County Interest**

**AB 240 (Rendon)**, which would: 1) require mutual water companies to comply with open meeting, public records, audit, and budget requirements; 2) declare the intent of the Legislature to encourage collaboration among the three separate mutual water companies that serve the City of Maywood; 3) permit eligible persons to attend and speak at meetings of mutual water companies' boards of directors; 4) require the board of directors of a mutual water company to make specified documents available to eligible persons; and 5) allow the Water Replenishment District of Southern California to receive grant funding from the California Department of Public Health to fund water quality improvement projects to benefit the City of Maywood, was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2013. This measure is Chapter 633, Statutes of 2013 and becomes effective January 1, 2014.

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In his signing message, the Governor noted that because much progress has been made in Maywood by the mutual water companies, he reduced the amount appropriated from Proposition 84 funds for grants to the Water Replenishment District of Southern California for water quality improvement projects for the benefit of the City of Maywood from \$7.5 million to \$1.0 million.

**AB 720 (Skinner)**, which would: 1) require the board of supervisors in each county to designate an entity to assist certain jail inmates to apply for a health insurance affordability program; 2) authorize the entity, to the extent authorized by Federal law and Federal financial participation is available, to act on behalf of a county jail inmate for the purpose of applying for Medi-Cal eligibility for acute inpatient hospital services; and 3) provide that county jail inmates who are currently enrolled in the Medi-Cal program shall not be terminated due to their detention, unless required by Federal law, they become otherwise ineligible or the suspension of the their benefits has ended, was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2013. This measure is Chapter 646, Statutes of 2013 and becomes effective on January 1, 2014.

**AB 1235 (Gordon)**, which would require members of a local agency governing body, members of any local legislative body created by State or Federal statute, and any elected local agency officials to receive training in general financial management principles and laws relevant to his or her public service once per term of office, was vetoed by the Governor on October 7, 2013.

In his veto message, the Governor noted that AB 1235 would impose training on elected local officials at potentially significant costs to the State. He further noted that local governments could impose appropriate financial management training on their own.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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